

Jan. 21st LACCoD - ASI Monthly Report for the Meeting held on Jan. 12, 2015

Agenda Item # 4 There were two awards presented this month, one for December and one for January. One to a road supervisor, Jorye' Eluya, and the other to a call center operator, Caesar Molina, from the Antelope Valley.

Agenda Item # 6 were the Reports from ex-officio Board Members, which are Chairs from two Committees; the Transportation Professionals Advisory Committee, (TPAC), and the Community Advisory Committee, (CAC). Chaplain Dove Cohen the Chair of the CAC, had nothing to report because their meeting was scheduled a day after the Board Meeting. Linda Evans the Chair of TPAC gave a lengthy report about their discussions about Origin to destination and the dynamic fare system, she indicated problems relating to both topics.

Agenda Item # 7 was the General Comment Period of which there was no Public Comment, probably because of the meeting being held on the second Monday instead of the usual fourth Monday.

Agenda Item # 8 There were 7 items on the Consent Calendar which were all approved with minor adjustments. The 7 items were: a) Consideration to Establish an Ad-Hoc Budget Committee for Fiscal Year 2015/2016, b) Consideration to approve the DBE Consulting Contract, (a Human Resources firm), c) Consideration to extend term and increase funds for Facility security system maintenance contract, d) Consideration to Extend Term and Increase Funds for the Telephone Maintenance and Services contract, e) Consideration to extend term and increase fund for the Voice and Data Telecommunications Contract, f) Consideration to Approve contract Modification for Financial Reporting ERP Software Services, and, g) Consideration to approve Amendment to the Eastern Service Provider contract.

Agenda Item # 9 Consideration to extend term and increase funds for the Eligibility Determination Contract. The C.A.R.E. Evaluators, as sub-contractors of Access provide the eligibility component in the evaluation process of potential riders in addition to the recertification of the complete ridership at intervals. As time goes by there is a greater need for paratransit services to meet the needs of our aging population. These centers also ready's the mobility devices with securement devices and information. This eligibility center funding will help with the increase of operation and might allow some center to be open on Saturdays.

Agenda Item # 10 The consideration to extend term and increase funds for the Mobility Device Marking Contract. This mobility device marking fits it very closely with evaluation process because it is all done as one package and usually in the same center, at the same time as the eligibility process takes place. As I said earlier, as the population ages there is a growing need for more mobility devices.

Agenda Item # 11 Consideration to Extend Term and to increase funds for the Santa Clarita Service provider contract, which only needed to have the Board's approval.

Agenda Item # 12 Consideration to approve the research services contract; This contract, briefly is to allow, Celtis Ventures, LLC to provide Access Services with consultation services on any new regional sales tax measures that might be beneficial in providing additional funding sources.

Agenda Item # 13 was pulled from the agenda by the chair, Metro signage on vehicles. An Ad-Hoc Working Group had been formed but hasn't had a chance to meet yet. The working group consists of Director's Theresa DeVera, Kim Turner, and Daniel Levy.

Agenda Item # 14 Consideration to Approve the Triennial Finding Action Plan: Origin to Destination. This was approved by the board as meeting the ADA requirement and to move forward with the implementation timeline including major milestones and to forward the milestones to the Federal Transit Administration. It requires the driver to assist the rider to and from the door, if requested, instead of curb to curb service.

Agenda Item # 15 Consideration to approve the Triennial finding action plan on Fare Policy. The recommendation that came before the Board was to authorize staff to:

- A. Analyze and propose a dynamic fare system that will meet FTA requirements and be fare revenue neutral. A final recommendation for the proposed dynamic fare system, including cost estimates and a timeline for implementation, should be brought back to the Board at its May 2015 meeting.
- B. Implement a comprehensive outreach plan (milestones attached) to inform stakeholders and solicit feedback about a proposed dynamic fare system, and.
- C. Concurrently, implement a plan to seek legislative or regulatory changes to allow for a coordinated fare when operating under a coordinated plan. At a minimum, authorize staff to petition the United States Department of Transportation for a rulemaking that would amend applicable regulations to allow coordinated paratransit systems like Access to have a coordinated fare.

Some issues to think about as far as the dynamic fare system are: A) If Access decided to charge twice the fixed-route fare for each route booked based on the Metro trip planner, most customers, particularly those that booked longer, regional trips, could pay substantially more than the current fares. B) Access customers would be charged different fares even for an identical trip that occurs at a different time. C) Some regional trips cannot even be done on the fixed-route system. Would Access continue to perform these trips? How would the fare be determined? D) If there are no set fares, would Access customers still be able to use Access coupons or any other alternative means of payment?